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In re application of:)
Yasushi Kohno) Group Art No. 3643
Application No.: 10/007,186)
Filed: November 5, 2001) Examiner: Andrea Valenti
Title: METHOD OF PREVENTING)
DEFECTIVE GERMINATION OR ROSETTE)
FORMATION SEED)

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated November 26, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment.

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the Title and replace same with the following:

METHOD OF PREVENTING DEFECTIVE GERMINATION OR ROSETTE
FORMATION OF SEED

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending and have been rejected. No claims have been allowed.

Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal herewith.

Applicants have amended the Title in order to correct same, such that the Title now corresponds with that of the present patent application as originally filed.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Romanian Patent RO 113935B to Badiu et al. (hereinafter "Badiu et al.") in view of Journal of New Seeds, *Seed Soaking Damage in Some Grain Legumes*, Mike L. Smith, Nov. 2000 (hereinafter "Smith"). The Examiner has further rejected Claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Badiu et al. in view of *Starting Plants from Seed*, Evans et al., N.C. State University, 1999 (Section on Light) (hereinafter "Evans et al. ").

Suggest amendment
not be entered
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